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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director

SUBJECT : Letter from William C. Foster dated 19 October 1961

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for action which is included in Paragraph 6.

2. Dr. Scoville met with Mr. Foster on 31 October to discuss the subject letter. This meeting produced some modifications to the procedures contained in the letter.

3. It was agreed that as a first step the Disarmament Agency would concentrate on Stage B of the proposed disarmament program, which calls for a progressive reduction by NATO and the Warsaw Pact to 1,000 strategic delivery vehicles each. The first task will be to determine what intelligence can do unilaterally to help police such an agreement. In the light of this determination, inspection requirements will be established, including an evaluation of the zonal inspection system contained in the consultants' proposal.

4. It was also decided that it would not be desirable to attack these problems through a large interdepartmental group. Instead, the study will be made under the auspices of the General Advisory Committee of the U. S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Included on this committee at present are Messrs. Kistiakowsky, York and Perkins and General White. One of the members will be asked to head up a group

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within the Disarmament Agency to study problems of inspection, and other agencies, including CIA, will be asked to participate in the work of this group as required.

5. It was agreed at the meeting that CIA should appoint an individual to act as the point of contact and coordinator for Agency support to the Disarmament Administration.

6. It is recommended that you sign the attached letter to Mr. Foster, which commits us to provide support for the proposed study and which names  as Agency coordinator.

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